

This is in response to the communication filed on 03/28/2008 by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

As requested by the BPAI,

(1) The Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) filed on October 29, 2007 by the applicant has been considered.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shobha Kantamneni whose telephone number is 571-272-2930. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday, 7.30am-3.30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan, Ph.D can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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